



Ronald Lewis Black

March 5, 1938 - October 25, 2022

Ron Black, age 84, of Yreka, died at Madrone Hospice in Yreka on October 25, 2022. He was surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Ron was born in Hilt on March 5, 1938 to Delbert and Anne Black. They moved to the big city of Yreka in 1946, first living in an apartment on Third Street and then in 1957, into a home he helped his dad build on Yama Street. Being the industrious guy he was, Ron had jobs mowing lawns, shining shoes, selling newspapers, and working at McNeil's grocery store. And because he said he was lousy at sports, he took up the clarinet in grammar school then played with Pop Behnke in the Yreka High School band, later studying music at San Francisco State College after he graduated in 1956. He transferred to Sacramento State College the following year where he studied Business and Psychology. Again, hard-working as ever, he found jobs as a lab assistant, shipping agent in a women's clothing store, and appliance salesman. He dated Judy Barklow through high school and college and they married in 1960. He then joined the Air Force where he studied teletype repair.

He and Judy moved back to Yreka in 1963, started a family, and moved into a house he built- this time with the help of his Dad, on Patricia Way. He went to work for his Dad in an appliance repair shop located behind Cooley & Pollards on Third street. They then moved into what became known as Black's Appliances on Miner Street where they expanded their sales, including introducing Yreka to new-fangled microwave ovens. The store employees became a group of extended family and friends who were known to enjoy

many shop parties and picnics over the years. He later also opened a furniture store in the old JCPenney's building. Being a fixture of Yreka businesses, he sat on the city council and served as mayor for a short time.

Raising kids and living in Yreka allowed plenty of opportunities for backpacking and hiking in the Salmon, Trinity, and Marble Mountains. He not only taught his girls how to appreciate nature and the mountains, he included them in repair projects and service calls, and would even hold impromptu dance lessons in the living room. He took up flying and purchased a small airplane treating people to flights in and out of small airports all over the west. He later purchased a trawler and spent several summers in British Columbia-again inviting family and friends to enjoy the experience with him-including fresh caught shellfish and personalized cruises in the area.

He continued making a home base in Yreka, where he spent a great deal of time with wood working projects-making beautiful furniture, his own wooden dinghy, fishing nets and many items that were given to friends and donated to charity auctions.

Ron was incredibly generous and quick to offer his time or expertise. He was always willing to help with a project-many of which he would complete before you could even finish explaining it! He was always thinking about how to fix something or make it operate more smoothly. He had a great sense of humor and an unbelievable work ethic. And, he really enjoyed a drink with his friends. In the last days of his life he requested "just a teeny, tiny, miniscule little thimble- full, if you will." He will be so greatly missed.

Ron's family is grateful for the care given him by Madrone Hospice -first in his home and then later in the Madrone Hospice House. Their tender, thoughtful care and concern for he and his family will never be forgotten.

Ron is survived by his wife, Patricia Hamilton, daughters Lauren (Laura), Leslie (Marielke) and Lyna (Jeff) and grandchildren Elijah, Ari, Jaden and Sage; cousin Willena Brooks (Victor); stepchildren Denise (Scott), Greg (Paula), Mary Anne (Gary) and Paul (Janelle) and six step-grandchildren.

At his request, no funeral service will be held. A celebration of life, most surely

a picnic, will be scheduled at a future date.

Donations are welcomed to Madrone Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest L Girls and Pat, much love to you all and admiration for the beautiful way you loved, honored, and took care of Ron up to the very last.

Willena (Billie) - May 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *GENUINE*

The Perreira Family - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Patricia and Girls
I am so very sorry to hear of Ron's passing .
I think of all the good times we had at the Marina , Ron was a pleasure to be around , it does not take must to bring a pleasant thought or smile back of Ron , every morning when I extract my toast from our toaster there he is with those wooden tongs that Ron crafted for me .
Thank You Ron

Lorne Embree
Pender Harbor Marina
British Columbia

Lorne Embree - November 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Saddened to hear of Ron's passing. Will always remember his infectious smile and feeling the genuine vvibe of Unconditional love between Ron and Pat.
Sending you all healing vibes 🙌❤️🙏

KimLen - November 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *I could always feel Ron's warmth and kindness. He was gracious and sincere when asking about others. Mostly, I remember lots of laughter and smiles.*

Michelle Weston - November 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *While raising my sons as a single parent in the early 1970's. finances was a constant juggling act, so when the refrigerator that came with our mobile quit working a new one was mandatory. So I went to Black's on Miner Street, ordered the least expensive model. A few days later Ron called stating the one I'd ordered wasn't available, but there was another model he could bring for the same price. That would be great! And boy was it! The model had glass instead of wire shelves and all around a much nicer unit which served me well until I sold the ranch in 2015. Thank you for always being kind and friendly. You will be missed.*

Shari Fiocyj Sandahl - November 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family*

Marsha Farley - November 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ronald Lewis Black - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Yreka has lost a treasure in Ron. His kind heart will be missed and remembered by so many. Now you're really flying buddy.

LuAnn Betts McKee - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Sincere condolences to the entire family.

Tracy Louie - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sincere condolences. Ron was helpful and friendly when we came to Yreka 40 years ago and needed appliances. His business was an asset to Yreka. RIP and go fishing. ❤️

Jackie Roy Churchill - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I always enjoyed chatting with him.
He, Short and I were classmates.
My deepest condolences to the family.

Tat Chase - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sweet of you Lori...thank you! He was a good one. I will never stop thinking about things i'd like to talk to him about...like...our best backpacking trip... what kind bird that was... etc. I know you know that feeling too well. XO so appreciate you reaching out. Hope you and your people are all well.

Lyna Black - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss Lyna ❤️

Lori Burkus - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Blessings and prayers be with his family and friends. ❤️🙏

Liz Hockaday - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ He was a good one ❤️❤️

Donna Kleaver Thompson - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Prayers sent for the family of Ron ❤️ He was a wonderful man 😊
Brett&Janine

Janine Ling Kimball - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ RIP Ron. God speed.

Rose Harris - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ RIP, Such a nice and good man.

Linda Keno - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Ron was kind and gracious, always. Our condolences to all who
share this loss. ❤️

Charlene Broce - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ SAD GOD BLESS

Elieene Jones - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *With love and hugs,*

Mieke - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM